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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes routed through Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country;

(b) whether the Government plans to bring in more schemes and systems like the public distribution system under the PRI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) to (c): Various Centrally Sponsored Schemes provide for roles for State Governments and Panchayats, depending on the activities involved. Under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), the Ministry of Panchayati Raj provides untied funds for Panchayats through the State Governments. Roles and responsibilities have been given to Panchayats in schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP), etc. However, as per the Constitution of India, it is up to State Governments to devolve powers and responsibilities to Panchayats. The status of devolution of schemes and systems to Panchayats varies from State to State.